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The Conference, having noted with satisfaction the progress achieved in dismantling an entire category of nuclear weapons according to the INF agreement as well as the good prospects for the conclusion of other agreements aiming at a drastic reduction of the strategic nuclear weapon arsenals of the United States and the USSR, has noted the problem of the fate of the dismantled nuclear warheads. As both agreements - INF and START - do not deal with what to do with the fissile materials (U-235 and plutonium) of the old warheads, the Conference drew attention to the necessity to address this issue in the future.

The Conference called upon all member States, in particular the nuclear weapon States concerned, to look for a peaceful use of this material. The economical and security-related aspects of a reconversion of the fissile material should be thoroughly studied. The Conference expressed the hope that a possible commercial surplus of the reconversion process could be partly used to the benefit of the developing countries.